

**MINUTES**  
**SANDY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Sandy City Hall - Council Chamber Room #211  
10000 Centennial Parkway  
Sandy, Utah 84070

**FEBRUARY 6, 2007**

Meeting was commenced at 7:05 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

**Council Members:** Chairman Dennis Tenney, Vice Chairman Bryant Anderson, Scott Cowdell, Steve Fairbanks, Chris McCandless, Linda Martinez Saville, and Stephen Smith

**Mayor:** Tom Dolan

**Others in Attendance:** CAO Byron Jorgenson; City Attorney Walter Miller; Community Development Director Mike Coulam; Public Utilities Director Shane Pace; Public Works Director Rick Smith; Economic Development Director Randy Sant; Deputy to the Mayor John Hiskey; Police Chief Stephen Chapman; Fire Chief Don Chase; Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Scott Earl; Administrative Services Director Art Hunter; Director of Human Resources and Management Services Brian Kelly; Council Office Director Phil Glenn; Council Executive Secretary Pam Lehman

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:**

Mayor Dolan

Councilman Stephen Smith

1. **OPENING REMARKS/PRAYER/PLEDGE:**

Boy Scout **Stephen Hill** of Troop #953 offered the Prayer, and **Nate Hill**, also of Troop #953, led the Pledge.

2. **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Wayne Jemison FLEET OPERATIONS MANAGER  
[Postponed – unable to attend]

3. **CITIZEN(S) COMMENTS:**

a. There were no Citizen Comments.

**COUNCIL ITEMS:**

4. **Ryan Button Rezoning**

**Ordinance #07-04** – rezoning approximately 11 acres of property located at approximately 9235 South 700 East, from the CC (Community Commercial) District to the MU (Mixed Use) District.

**Motion:** **Steve Fairbanks** made the motion to adopt **Ordinance #07-04**, rezoning approximately 11 acres of property located at approximately 9235 South 700 East, from the CC (Community Commercial) District to the MU (Mixed Use) District.

**Second:** **Chris McCandless**

**Vote:** **Fairbanks – Yes, McCandless – Yes, Smith – Absent, Cowdell- Yes, Anderson- Yes, Saville- Yes, Tenney- Yes**

**Motion Approved: 6 in favor – 1 absent**

5. **Resolution on Dating Violence Awareness Week**

**Discussion:** Police Chief Stephen Chapman reported that the establishment of a resolution recognizing National Teen Dating Violence Awareness week will help bring this problem to the forefront, and hopefully, people will become more cognizant of the growing problem with teen dating violence. The Police Department prepared a video called “Stop the Violence, A Look At Teen Dating”, which was distributed to local area schools. It is believed that these victims have a propensity of becoming more involved in drug and domestic violence issues as they get older. If efforts are put forth now to educate the public on teen dating violence, it will help prevent future abuse from destroying young lives.

**Motion:** **Bryant Anderson** made the motion to adopt the Resolution supporting the National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Week, February 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007.  
**Second:** **Linda Martinez Saville**  
**Vote:** **Anderson – Yes, Saville – Yes, McCandless- Yes, Cowdell – Yes, Smith – Absent, Fairbanks- Yes, Tenney – Yes**  
**Motion Approved: 6 in favor – 1 absent**

**6. Budget Process [Continued from Planning Meeting]**

**Discussion:** **Director of Finance and Information Services Director Art Hunter**, along with **Director of Human Resources and Management Services Brian Kelly**, reviewed the Compensation Information Plan for Fiscal Year 2008. **[Copy on file in the Council Office]**  
The review included the following: Compensation Review, Wage Increase History, Retirement Rate History, Turnover Statistics, Salary Survey, City to Market Ratio, Percent Difference Summary Average by Position, Fixed and Variable Benefit Comparison Charts, Fire Position Data, Police Position Data, Adjusted Police Position Date, Regular Employees Position Date, Special Request Position Data, and Detail of Executive Summary.

**Bryant Anderson** asked if employees who participate in the tuition reimbursement program are required to stay with the City for a certain period of time, and if the City offers a better position to the employee.

**Brian Kelly** noted that employees are required to work for the City at least a year following completion of their education. The City does offer a better position if one is available at the time. However, there is some employee turn over as many move on to other employment where they are compensated at a higher salary level based on their education.

**Bryant Anderson** asked why there is such a large gap between retirement and when Medicare kicks in for retired employees.

**Brian Kelly** reported that many employees who are eligible for City retirement are unable to do so because of the high costs of health insurance, and many have not reached the age of eligibility for Medicare benefits.

**Bryant Anderson** asked if the City could offer a flexible spending account (employee funded) to be set up specifically to help cover health care costs until employees reach the eligibility age for Medicare benefits.

**Brian Kelly** reported that the Administration is exploring various options to help address the gap between retirement and eligibility for Medicare benefits.

**Art Hunter** reported that members of the Budget Committee and Department Heads met recently at a Budget Retreat to discuss the Administration's goals for the upcoming budget year. The Committee will continue to meet with the Department Heads to establish priorities consistent with the Council's goals. Mr. Hunter presented a copy to the Council of an outline that will be used to align and prepare the proposed budget. Mr. Hunter asked the Council to please review the list and notify them if there is anything the Administration has overlooked.

**Chris McCandless** asked the Administration to look into funding for the new Community Center, and to also explore options of using federal funds for the project. He stated that he would like to hear some recommendations on how this project could be funded.

**Art Hunter** stated that the proposed Community Events Center is one of the most difficult funding items in the budget.

**Bryant Anderson** suggested setting up an account where money could be accumulated on a year-by-year basis.

**Chris McCandless** stated that his concern with Mr. Anderson's proposal is that construction costs are always increasing, and the City could, over time, not save sufficient funds to keep up with inflation.

**Scott Cowdell** suggested that the Administration look into bonding options for building projects such as the Community Center and the Boys and Girls Club. Bonding may be one solution to get these projects completed before costs become too enormous.

**Art Hunter** stated that the interest rates on bonds are fairly good right now (Appx.4.6%) . They are however, on the increase.

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**6..** Approving the **January 23, 2007** City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Motion:** **Steve Fairbanks** made the motion to adopt the **January 23, 2007** City Council Meeting Minutes as written.

**Second:** **Chris McCandless**

**Vote:** **The Council voted in the affirmative to the motion.**

**All in Favor.**

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT:**

a. Held in Planning Meeting.

**8. CAO'S REPORT:**

- a. **Public Works Director Rick Smith** reported that the Administration contacted UDOT regarding closing the left turn lane on State Street at 10200 South during the widening and construction phase of the project. Chief Chapman met with UDOT officials, and they indicated that they are very reluctant to close the left hand turn lane. There has been an increase in accidents at this intersection due to the inconsistent placement of construction barrels, which makes it very confusing to the drivers.

**Mr. Smith** reported that Questar Gas has hired additional employees to install the gas line along State Street. They are ahead of schedule, which should help cut back on the time frame and costs of the project.

**Chris McCandless** asked that the Administration express the Council's appreciation to Questar for their efforts to complete the installation of the gas line along State Street in a timely manner.

- b. **City Attorney Wally Miller** reported that there is a good possibility that the Forbush Lane lawsuit will be resolved.

**9. COUNCIL OFFICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- a. **Phil Glenn** reported that the Council reviews, on an annual basis, the Metropolitan Water District's Budget. He reported that the Metropolitan Water District would be willing to come before the Council earlier this year, perhaps within the next couple of months, to present a report on their fiscal year 2007-08 Budget.

**The Council asked Mr. Glenn to please schedule a time for them to present their budget to the Council.**

**10. OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

- a. **Bryant Anderson** noted how the Jordan School District stands to profit from the economic benefits of having a soccer stadium located in the City. Mr. Anderson noted that the School District would receive millions of dollars from the stadium, which would be a big windfall for them. Mr. Anderson also noted that Sandy would not have had a chance in getting the stadium if the Mayor and City Council had not stepped up and set funding in place.

**At approximately 8:05 p.m., Scott Cowdell made a motion to adjourn Council Meeting, motion seconded by Steve Fairbanks.**

**The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.**

